

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0033] and [0040] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0033] The stud-receiving opening 30 is provided in the bottom of the first clip component 10. As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the stud-receiving opening 30 is ~~opened with~~ being tapered having an opening with ~~from~~ a wide inlet ~~thereof~~ to facilitate picking up the stud. A pair of upright guides 31 are arranged to be diametrically opposed to one another on the inside of the main body 14 in the vicinity of the engagement pawls 26 so as to guide the picked-up stud toward the center of the main body 14.

[0040] In Fig. 11 A and 11 B, the front edge 53 of the flat-head screwdriver engaged with the tool engagement slot 37 is rotated by 90-degree to angularly rotate the second clip component 11 from the engagement position to the release position. By this angular rotation, the head 33 of the second clip component 11 is rotated. Thus, the release cams 34 bends the release levers 27 radially outward and thereby the engagement pawls 26 moves apart from the stud 51 to release the engagement therebetween. Fig. 11 A is a sectional view taken along the line E-E of Fig. 11 A. The reference numeral 54 in Fig. 11 B indicates a distance between the extendedly bent engagement pawls. When the second clip component 11 is rotated to the release position, the depression 35 at the central region of the release cam 34 fits moderately with the protrusion 29 of the release lever 27. Thus, an operator can perceive the completion of the rotation from the engagement position to the release position based

on the fitting action (clicking action). This also prevents the second clip component 11 from improperly rotating from the release position and allows the second clip component 11 to be kept in the release position. When two of the clips 9 are provided, the whole of the footrest assembly [[48]] 49 can be detached from the floor by rotating both of the second clip components of the clips to the release position, and then lifting the footrest 45.

Please amend the Abstract section of the specification as rewritten in amendment format.

A footrest assembly comprises a footrest [[45]] (45) made of plastic material, and a clip [[9]] (9) provided on the floor-facing side of the footrest to receive therein a threaded stud [[51]] (51) fixed on a floor [[50]] (50). The clip [[9]] (9) includes a first clip component [[10]] (10) having an engagement pawl [[26]] (26) adapted to engage with the stud, and a second clip component [[11]] (11) capable of releasing the engagement between the engagement pawl of the first clip component [[10]] (10) and the stud. The first clip component [[10]] (10) is formed as a tubular body having the engagement pawl on the inside thereof and is immovably fixed to the footrest. The second clip component [[11]] (11) is received in a tubular portion of the first clip component in a rotatable manner about the axis of the tubular portion to allow selective angular rotation of the second clip component [[11]] (11) between an engagement position (Fig. 10) where the engagement pawl of the first clip component is allowed to engage with the stud and a release position where the engagement pawl [[26]] (26) is bent not to engage with the stud [[51]] (51).